

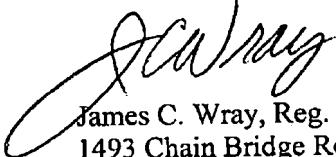
**REMARKS**

The above amendment places the case in condition for allowance by following the suggestions of the examiner for formal amendments. The examiner's suggestion for amending claim 13 has also been followed for amending claim 12.

**CONCLUSION**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



James C. Wray, Reg. No. 22,693  
1493 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 300  
McLean, Virginia 22101  
Tel: (703) 442-4800  
Fax: (703) 448-7397

Date: